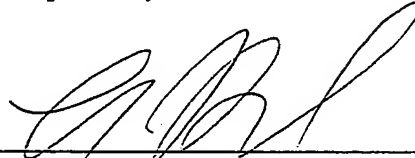


If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Deposit
Account No. 501505/5500-46300/LJM.

Respectfully submitted,



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18. (Amended) The computer system as recited in claim [16] 17 wherein said second node is further configured to remove said first data packet from said first data buffer and to forward said first data packet to said third node.

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